and changes in the economic policies announced since March, 92 which had a direct impact on the capital restructuring proposal. Hence, the whole exercise had to be redone.

(ii) *Sale of* 3 *Bulk Carriers* : A proposal to permit HSL to sell by open tender the 3 bulk carriers ordered by shipping Corporation of India, originated in February, 1991. After detailed inter-ministerial consideration, approval of the Government was conveyed in May, 1992. The response received to the tender issued by HSL were conditional on the grant of loan on soft terms. The implications had to be considered in depth and the financial commitment, particularly in view of the budgetary constraints had to be considered carefully.

(iii) *Revival Package for Indian Shipyards* : On the basis of High Level Committee's report submitted in April, 87 in case of HSL and in March, 88 in the case of Cochin Shipyard Limited, it was decided to formulate a proposal for revial of Indian Shipyards including HSL. Frequent changes in the Government during 1989-91 and the drastic changes brought about in the industrial and economic policies of the Government had a direct impact on the proposal under consideration, resulted in repeated modifications to the proposal.

(d) A decision on capital restructuring and the sale of 3 bulk carriers at the revised price is expected to be taken within one year. It is not possible to indicate the time by when a decision on the revival package for Indian Yards may be available as the issues involved require substantial financial commitment on the part of the Government.

Villages connected with all Weather Roads

1273. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) number of villages (state-wise) not connected with all-weather roads till the end of March, 1993;

(b) what was the target fixed and achievements made in the Seventh Plan, 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(c) whether Government propose to implement a crash programme to link all villages with all-weather roads by the end of the Eighth Plan; and

(d) if so, details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (d) Under the Constitution, the Central Government are primarily concerned with the roads declared as National Highways only. For all other roads, including village roads, the primary responsibility for their construction/development is that of the State Governments concerned.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

12.00 NOON

Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on 31st March, 1993 to Unstarred Question 4164 regarding burns wards in hospitals in Delhi

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st March, 1993 to Unstarred Question 4164 re-